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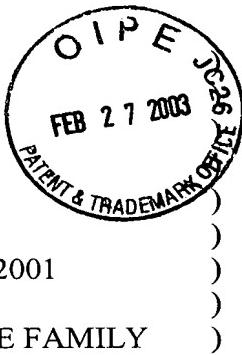
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Attached is one (1) PTO-1449 sheet listing two (2) non-patent literature documents. I hereby certify that the enclosed documents listed on the herewith Form PTO-1449 were cited in the International Search Report, dated January 10, 2002, that was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 27, 2002. One of the documents is non-English, and the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the non-English document reference. A statement of relevance is provided for the non-English foreign reference:

- (1) AVL Spectros – describes a concept for reducing the weight of an engine and for increasing the flexibility in engine manufacturing by means of modular design.

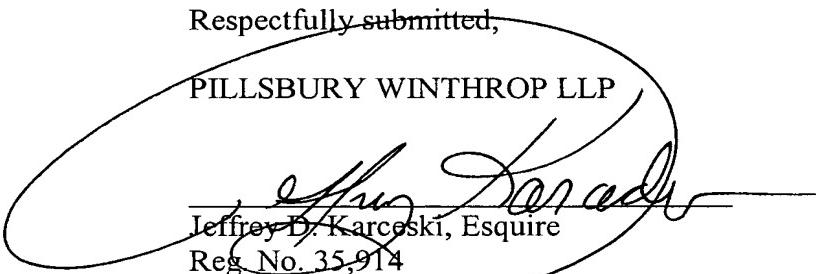
This IDS is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to comply fully.

Should a first action on the merits have been issued on the same day or before this Information Disclosure Statement is filed, please accept this Information Disclosure Statement under Rule 97(c) and charge the requisite Rule 17(p) fee to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975, under Order No. 009919/0265231 and proceed to consider this Information Disclosure Statement.

Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 Form, page 1, with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited along with an early action on the merits.

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